

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1291

IN THE MATTER OF:

Proposed Increase in INTERSTATE) Served: December 21, 1973
RATES for Taxicabs Domiciled in)
The District of Columbia.) Application No. 819

On November 28, 1973, the United Brotherhood of D. C. Taxicab Drivers (Brotherhood) filed a petition which seeks increases in the rates for the interstate transportation of persons in its member taxicabs. Basically, the petition seeks (a) an increase of 10¢ per mile over the current rate,^{1/} (b) double fare for passengers travelling into Prince George's County, Md., and (c) double fare for passengers travelling 7 miles or more on trips within the Metropolitan District between the hours of 9 o'clock Saturday night and 6 o'clock Monday morning. The petition contains no justification or support for the proposed rate changes.

The petition of Brotherhood contains no information on its membership. To the extent that Brotherhood does not count among its members all operators of taxicabs domiciled in the District of Columbia, establishment of a rate only for petitioners would result in a dual fare structure for interstate transportation in District of Columbia taxicabs. It is our opinion in this proceeding that any consideration of the propriety and reasonableness of the interstate taxicab fares should relate to the entire

^{1/} As prescribed by Order No. 887, served November 29, 1968, the current rates are as follows: \$.60 first mile, \$.25 each additional 1/2 mile; and \$.20 each additional passenger.

taxicab industry domiciled in the District of Columbia.

In order to determine whether proposed rates would be fair and reasonable, we shall require Brotherhood and any person engaged in performing taxicab service licensed and domiciled in the District of Columbia, who elects to become a party respondent to this proceeding, to submit the following information to the Commission as justification for proposed fare increases.

(A) The following items as of December 9, 1968, per taxicab: cab rental charges; association fees; and, the average weekly cost of gas, oil, insurance, dues, tags, licenses, maintenance, tires, batteries, and accessories.

(B) The items detailed in part (A), as of December 31, 1973, per taxicab.

(C) A statement of justification for the request that the Commission prescribe a double rate for passengers travelling into Prince George's County, Md.

(D) A statement of justification for the request that the Commission prescribe the interstate rate for passengers travelling over a seven-mile trip between 9 P.M. Saturday and 6 A.M. Monday to be equivalent to double the normal fare for the service.

We shall require that the above information be submitted in such manner that six (6) copies shall be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, January 28, 1974.

The Commission desires to have the views of the general public on the proposed fare increase. Accordingly, the Commission staff shall cause notice of this order to be published in newspapers of general circulation in the Metropolitan District once per week during the period commencing January 6, 1974, and ending January 26, 1974. Any person, other than a member of the taxicab industry in the District of Columbia, desiring to be heard on this matter shall advise the Commission in writing on or before Monday, January 28, 1974.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation be made of the existing and proposed rates for interstate taxicab service rendered by taxicabs domiciled in the District of Columbia.

2. That the United Brotherhood of D. C. Taxicab Drivers be, and it is hereby, made a respondent to this proceeding and required to submit the hereinbefore detailed information in justification of the requested rate increase in such a manner that six (6) copies shall be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, January 28, 1974.

3. That any person engaged in performing a taxicab service licensed and domiciled in the District of Columbia may become a party respondent to this proceeding; provided, that such person shall submit the hereinbefore detailed information in justification of any rate increase in such a manner that six (6) copies shall be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, January 28, 1974.

4. That any person, other than a member of the taxicab industry, desiring to be heard on this matter shall advise the Commission on or before Monday, January 28, 1974.

5. That the Commission staff cause notice of this order to be published, as hereinbefore set forth, in newspapers of general circulation in the Metropolitan District.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Acting Executive Director

